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Dear Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified patent application, following the Request for
Continued Examination filed on October 25, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page
2 of this paper.

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